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Sen. Dodd Denies Missiles Replaced

WASHINGTON — Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) took issue with recently circulated reports that missiles have been reinstalled in Cuba.

"It is virtually inconceivable to me, in the light of the information we have received, that the Soviets could have reinstalled their strategic missiles without detection, he said."

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NOT -STRATEGIC OR MEDIUM RANGE, U. S. SAYS

Cuba Ground-Air Missile Activity Confirmed

By Copley News Service

The State Department has disclosed that the U. S. knows that the Cuban Communists retain some of their missile capability and indicated that Fidel Castro may be adding to its strength.

But, a department spokesman insisted, the missiles are not strategic or medium range weapons, as Cuban exile sources had claimed.

The disclosure came in com-

ment on Cuban anti-Communist reports that a Soviet military buildup is under way in the Caribbean and that the Cuban Reds have missiles "poised for a final, fateful shot at America's heart."

(The American Security Council, a private organization, quotes Paul D. Bethel, a former career foreign service officer who served in the U. S. Embassy in Havana, during

Fidel Castro's rise to power, as saying "there is no doubt in my mind that there are medium range missiles on Cuba." Mr. Bethel is executive secretary of the Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba.)

The State Department spokesman said that it had reliable information that La Guatana base, presumably a few miles south and west of Havana, is being used by Castro for

storage and assembly of surface-to-air missile (SAMs).

These weapons are of the type that presumably has the capability of shooting down high-flying U. S. reconnaissance planes, like the aircraft that provided the U. S. its first photographic evidence of the construction of missile sites and the placement of the weapons that lead to the October, 1962, confrontation between the U. S. and Russia.